plenipotentiaries, the protests, the extraordinary demands they contain, the movements of Austrian troops, everything, in a word, points to war.

29th. There is much dissension between the Council of Five Hundred and the Directoire.

It appears that Hoche is about to embark for Ireland.

August 1st. The agitation in Paris continues; the *gentlemen* are divided among themselves. The army of Sambre et Meuse has declared itself vigorously. General Desaix is here; he assures me that the army of the Rhine is at one with the army of Italy. General Serrurier has just arrived; he is indignant at the royalist agitation.

16th. The Emperor is apparently concentrating all his forces on Italy. The large number of recruits, together with the prisoners we have sent back, will enable him to place a formidable army in line against me.

The time is fast coming when we shall realize that really to destroy England we must seize Egypt.

General Augereau has been appointed to command the 17th (Paris) military division.

28th. (To citoyenne Marie Dauranne, laundress of the 51st of the line.) Worthy citoyenne: The general-

• 1 • «• 1 •
1 1* * * «t «1 s-l w-
kW «.rt.x-v «